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FOLDER "PAGLIA, DONALD E"

Dear Don:

As you may have gathered, Hugh Pratt has failed to bring me up-to-date on all of the arrangements that he had made with various individuals participating in the Marshall Island Program. It is only today that I was brought up-to-date on these arrangements by Mr. Mohring that specific consultant arrangements had been made. Insomuch as possible, the Medical Department will honor these. I am beginning to wonder what other surprises wait in the wings for me to discover.

You will have received my earlier communication by now. I think it is very important for us to move ahead on setting up a thyroid panel to establish the matrix for description of thyroid lesions.

I have modified the draft letter that you left with me and a copy for your comments is enclosed.

Best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Eugene P. Cronkite, M.D.

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DRAFT LETTER

Dear Doctor _____:

Your institution has participated in providing definitive surgical care for those Marshall Island natives accidentally exposed to fallout radiation in 1954 and who developed thyroid tumors.

The Medical Department, Brookhaven National Laboratory, has been responsible for the medical and scientific aspects of the study and care of radiation effects in this population. For medical, scientific, and legal reasons, it is necessary to have a central repository of all pertinent medical records at Brookhaven to provide ready access to medical and to legal review. The development of thyroid neoplasms has been a serious sequelae of the radiation exposure. It is essential that these materials be assembled in one place.

Our records indicate that such materials from the following individuals are still in your possession:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Identifying Nos.</u> | <u>Date of Surgery</u> |
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This letter is to request that you forward by certified mail all available microscopic slides, paraffin tissue blocks, and tissues preserved in fixative, together with copies of pathology and surgical (operative) reports, gross photographs pertaining to these cases.

If there is some other individual in your institution to whom I should address this request, kindly let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Eugene P. Cronkite, M.D.
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